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ADMINISTRATION

UPI ratifies contract agreement

Economic terms will not be implemented until funds are appropriated

By Shelley Holmgren
Administration Editor

After almost nine months of negotiations, members of Eastern’s chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois voted 227-17 in favor of ratifying the tentative contract agreement Wednesday.

Only a majority of submitted votes was needed in order to ratify the contract. There is no required number of total UPI members who need to submit a vote.

The next step will be for key university members to sign off on Article 31 Duration and Implementation. This document requires signatures from the president of the university, chair of the Board of Trustees, chief negotiators from both parties, and the president and chapter president of UPI Local 4100.

This document specifies the agreement will be effective until Aug. 31, 2012 when a new contract will be negotiated. The document also states the economic terms of the agreement will not be implemented until the required funds are appropriated by the board.

After these signatures are gained, the Board of Trustees will put the contract up to a final vote at their special meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

John Allison, English professor and UPI chapter president, said he believes the vote will pass without issue.

Although the ratification was passed, only a little more than one-third of UPI’s approximate 667 members voted.

However, some of the submitted votes were not counted toward the vote because they were nameless and unverifiable, Allison said.

For the vote, members were asked to mark their choice on an anonymous ballot. From there, they sealed their vote in a small white envelope and inserted it into a campus mail envelope.

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Women’s basketball wins in overtime, see page 8



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Morgan Palombizio, a red-shirt freshman forward, and the rest of the women's basketball team celebrate after they beat Tennessee Martin 88-85 in overtime.

BOOKSTORE

Suspect pleads ‘not guilty’ in thefts

Union Bookstore silent on issues, case ongoing

By Marcus Smith
Staff Reporter

The suspect charged for a pair of thefts at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Bookstore Jan. 20 appeared in Coles County Circuit Court Wednesday, pleaded not guilty and requested a jury trial.

Public Defender Terese Mat-

thews waived a reading of the charges and asked for a hearing date. Judge Millard Everhart set the next hearing for 10 a.m. March 23.

The thefts were reported to the University Police Department Jan. 20 and were connected to one suspect, Detective Kent Martin said. He said he could not comment any further on the case.

Through a Freedom of Information Act request, it was discovered that Raven Smith, 20, of Colfax Ave. in Chicago, was the person charged in these incidents, said Robert Miller of the university’s

general counsel department.

Miller said he could only provide the name because the case is still going on.

When employees of the Union Bookstore were asked about the thefts, they said they could not comment on the incidents.

Mitch Coe, manager of the Union Bookstore, deferred the matter to the UPD.

In another report of theft at the Union Bookstore, someone used a fraudulent credit card to purchase \$5,409 of electronics on Aug. 18, according to an e-mail from Miller.

The unknown person purchased two laptop computers, two iPads and two iPods.

The UPD is investigating the case.

The Daily Eastern News has reported three incidents of theft at the Union Bookstore since last semester. These reports occurred on Sept. 13, 2010, Jan. 24 and Jan. 25.

More details will be reported as they become available.

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CONFERENCE

Eastern to host IRHA after 20 years

By Jennifer Brow
Staff Reporter

After 20 years, Eastern is hosting the Illinois Residence Hall Association conference, which brings together about 250 college students from universities throughout Illinois.

Events for IRHA begin at 7 p.m. today with Eastern alumni John Biernbaum, class of ’92, as the visiting key speaker of the evening.

Karla Browning, co-chair of the IRHA committee and senior family and consumer sciences major, said IRHA is an opportunity for students to expand their leadership skills while on a college campus.

“It’s also a time to recognize schools for their hard work since the last IRHA Conference,” Browning said.

Browning said there will be 18 colleges in attendance at this year’s IRHA annual conference.

Biernbaum said IRHA has been around for 40 or 50 years and he has attended IRHA in previous years.

“I’m going to talk to them about what it means to be involved in student organizations,” Biernbaum said. “I’m going to talk about my experience in RHA and being a student leader and what that means.”

Browning said Biernbaum was

chosen by the IRHA committee because of his involvement as president in the Residence Hall Association and the National Residence Hall Honorary.

Other speakers at the event will be President Bill Perry, Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, and Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining.

“The theme for the weekend focuses around superheroes, ‘Students by day, Leaders by night, Unleash the leader within!’” Browning said.

Hudson is another key speaker at the weekend’s events and said IRHA conferences include both private and public univer-

sities.

Hudson will be giving the welcoming message to Eastern students and visiting delegates to the university.

“The purpose of IRHA is to have RHA members from all over the state to come together to share ideas and be motivated,” Hudson said.

Friday’s events, which will take place in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, includes a superhero movie, bowling and arcade games. There will also be performances by Lunchbox Voodoo and a ballroom dance for Eastern students and visiting schools.

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RESIDENCE HALL

RHA ready, waiting for conference

By Elizabeth Edwards
City Editor


During the RHA meeting Thursday members talked about preparations for the Illinois Residence Hall Association conference.

“We are very excited!” said Julia Novotny, IRHA co-chair and junior physics major. RHA will sponsor 20 representatives from Eastern to participate in the IRHA conference where they will learn leadership and program strategies.

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EIU weather

TODAY



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SATURDAY



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what's on tap

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Noon - Bags tournament Respect for Youth, Eastern's chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, is hosting its first fundraising bags tournament. The bags tournament will take place in the McAfee Gymnasium.	4 p.m. Eastern Symphony Orchestra In addition to Beethoven's Sixth Symphony, the Eastern Symphony Orchestra welcomes special guests artists: The Ahn Trio. Their performance will be in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Dvorak Concert Hall.	4 p.m. Healthy Cooking 101 This is the second session in a four-week series of cooking classes that feature easy and inexpensive recipes. The topic for the session is Ethnic Cuisine and it will take place in 2309 Klehm Hall. <i>If you want to add to the tap, please e-mail dennewsdesk@gmail.com or call 581-7942.</i>

Catching spring fever



KIMBERLY FOSTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Trisha Bell, a freshman special education and early childhood education major, plays catch with friends Thursday on the South Quad. Despite significant winds, many students took advantage of recent spring-like weather conditions to have fun outdoors.

ONLINE



Blog: On the Cheap
This week's edition teaches us how to manage our change. Join Assistant Online Editor Christopher O'Driscoll at DENnews.com for the latest vlog!

Watch a soundslide of a faculty percussion recital took place in the Doudna Fine Arts Building Thursday. Go to DENnews.com for a soundslide of the event.

FUNDRAISER

Bags tournament fundraiser to help spread awareness

Staff report

Micah Rucker's girlfriend was killed by an underage drunk driver. This led him to start Eastern's chapter of University Mothers Against Drunk Driving in 2007. His girlfriend's initials were RFY so Rucker named the chapter Respect for Youth.
The chapter works alongside the Charleston and Campus Police Departments to help spread alcohol awareness.
For the first time, the chapter will be having a fundraiser to help earn money for guest speakers and other events. The fundraiser will be noon Saturday in McAfee gymnasium and will include a doubles beanbag tournament.
Tickets are \$3 per person and can be purchased at the Student Athletes Office and at the Journalism Department in Buzzard Hall.
Anyone looking to participate in the tournament or donate to the chapter should contact Steve Udowitz at sludowitz@eiu.edu.

CORRECTION

In Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Fenger High School was misidentified in the article titled "Guest poet talks about racism at Poetry Slam."

Also in Monday's edition, the article titled "Facebook official: 'It's complicated,'" has a factual error. Alex Boyd and Holly Henry ended their relationship at the beginning of February.
The DEN regrets the errors.

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EIU History Lesson

February 18

2001

Eastern and Charleston were given a grant from the Department of Natural Resources for scientific research benefiting and preserving area wildlife.

1987

East German Ambassador Gerhard Herder discussed political issues regarding U.S. relations in a press conference at Eastern.

1974

Eastern was charged a \$1,500 fee by Charleston for two late water payments. The October and November water bill were paid late because Eastern was waiting on money from the state.

Flavor of laughs



DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Courtney "Goldie" Jackson, of Flavor of Love, performs during University Board's Black Collar Comedy in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Thursday. "I turned my tragedies into funny stories," Jackson said. "I guess you could say it's a tale of the things I did in my insecurities."

DIVERSITY

Conference for diverse campus

By Courtney Bruner
 Staff Reporter

The EIUUnity Diversity Conference hopes to bring more knowledge and understanding of diversity to Eastern students today.

With the theme of "Diversify Me! Different Experiences – One Vision," the conference will focus on a number of different topics surrounding diversity, including multiculturalism in fraternities and sororities, diversity training, religion and spirituality in college, LGBT issues and many others.

Part of the conference will include "Safe Zone" training, which will teach Eastern students to speak and help LGBT students, said Hal Blue, a Student Senate member.

The conference will also help students learn to accept each other's differences, the sophomore communications major said.

"I hope (students) can learn to tolerate everyone," Blue said.

Students could learn a lot about people and cultures that are different

from them by attending the conference, said Alex Boyd, the student diversity affairs chairman.

"I think it's a good way to get students to get a good understanding of different types of people," said Boyd, a sophomore political science major.

Boyd said it is important for students to attend the conference because the campus is diverse.

"I think it's important to function as a university to accept each other's differences," he said. "It makes this a better place."

The registration and welcome for the conference begins at 9:30 a.m. in the third floor lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Students may choose which workshops to attend or can attend for the whole day.

Although registration ended Wednesday, students who did not register can still attend the event, Blue said.

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CAMPUS

Prospective students get a taste for Eastern

By Rachel Rodgers
 Campus Editor

A group of graduating high school students is participating in a program to get a taste of college life at Eastern this weekend from Saturday to Monday.

The "Access Granted" program consists of 50 students who have been admitted to Eastern.

Nick Sanders, an admissions counselor, said the purpose of "Access Granted" is to provide exposure from the university to underrepresented minority students.

"We invite the students to spend a weekend at Eastern to expose them to the EIU culture and environment with some academic and social programs that we have going on at the university," Sanders said.

Mona Davenport, director of the

minority affairs office, said the "Access Granted" program is done to increase the yield rate of Eastern. The yield rate is the percent of students who attend Eastern after being admitted.

"Just because you are accepted into a university doesn't mean that you will decide to go there," Davenport said.

He also said this year there are 39 students from the Chicagoland area, seven students from southern Illinois, and four students from central Illinois, who will participate in "Access Granted."

Sanders said around 350 to 400 students are invited to "Access Granted" and they pick the first 50 students who return information and consent forms to participate.

Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining, said it is a very powerful recruiting tool to have the students get

a feel for the campus culture by staying here for a few days.

"I think (the participants) will get a very good understanding that Eastern is a place that cares about students," Hudson said.

The first event of "Access Granted" is a luncheon in the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Will Davis, an Illinois state representative from the 30th district, is the scheduled guest speaker for the luncheon.

"(Davis) will speak about taking advantage of the opportunities that these students have by coming down for the weekend and he will talk about his own personal story as a first generation college student," Sanders said.

According to the agenda for "Access Granted," after the luncheon students

will participate in different educational programs.

"This year we are doing workshops on study abroad, the national student exchange program we have here and also the Disney internship program," Sanders said.

Entertainment programs are also scheduled and include a Greek step show, recreation time in the Student Recreation Center and bowling.

An "Access Granted" committee is formed every year to prepare for the event.

"We do about eight months of planning for the speakers, the room reservations, the invitations and all of the marketing of the event," Sanders said.

Male students are staying on the second floor of Lawson Hall and the females are staying on the ninth floor of

Andrews Hall.

"The housing and dining department provides meals for the students free of charge and they also provide the lodging as well," Sanders said.

Sanders said this year's students had an average grade point average of 3.03 and an ACT score of 19.

The "Access Granted" event will end Monday after the students participate in Open House around campus.

"In my opinion, by the end of this event, these students are going to know where all of the buildings are and they are going to form a close bond with others that gives them a strong advantage in being acclimated to campus over other incoming freshmen," Davenport said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Gov. Quinn’s borrowing plan tough, needed

In his State of the State address Tuesday, Gov. Pat Quinn outlined his budget proposal, which included austere spending cuts and a plan to borrow \$8.7 billion in an effort to tackle the state’s \$13 billion deficit.

While we have some concerns about Quinn’s proposed budget, we recognize it as a step in the right direction.

Perhaps the most controversial aspect of the proposal is the borrowing plan. The state would borrow the money by issuing bonds backed by revenue from the tax increase passed in January.

It is easy enough to admonish Quinn’s plan as simply kicking the can down the road, but there is more to it than that.

But it seems the government has little choice. Something must be done to address the state’s financial problems. There are three ways to get our financial house in order, and none of them are pretty.

One is raising taxes. Last month, Illinois Democrats raised corporate and personal income taxes from what were politically convenient, yet unrealistically low rates. The increase is intended to cover the state’s \$6 billion operating deficit.

Illinois still has lower taxes than many other states, and we think Quinn and the legislature could raise taxes a bit more to cover the deficit—though we concede such a proposal is unlikely to survive Congress.

The second way to tackle the budget is to cut spending. Quinn’s proposal included \$1 billion in cuts. Many of those cuts are to vital programs.

Those who oppose Quinn’s budget call for him to borrow less and cut more. While we encourage lawmakers to find and cut any inefficiencies in government spending, we urge them to consider the social and economic impact of those cuts.

Even with Quinn’s proposed cuts, the growing costs of pensions and health care would force spending to increase by \$1.7 billion.

Universities would also get a 1.5 percent increase in state funding, the vast majority of which would go to financial aid programs like MAP grants.

Naturally, we applaud Quinn for keeping his promise to invest in the education of Illinois’ future leaders. But spending cuts and tax hikes do not come close to covering the vast deficit, and here at Eastern, teachers are feeling the brunt of the state’s budget woes.

Staff and faculty are paying into a pension system that does not have the money to pay them back, and the state owes Eastern millions of dollars in reimbursements.

In the end, taxing and cutting will not come close to solving our financial problems. The legislature should focus its efforts on finding ways to cut spending and increase revenue, but in the meantime, the state must pay its overdue bills.

It will take years to work our way out of this financial mess, and the borrowing plan would buy us some much-needed time.

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COLUMN

Saving Planned Parenthood is not about abortion

With all the insanity going on with House Republicans these days, I found it hard to isolate just one outrageous issue to lose sleep over.

Be it the constant assaults on the gay community, public broadcasting, or women’s rights, they don’t seem to be making any bones about waging an all-out war on progressive values, human rights, and their own hypocritical calls for small government.

However, there is one issue that stands out to me, one that affects everyone in this country, particularly young people, and that is the shameless assault on the nearly century-old Planned Parenthood.

Republican Conference Chairman Mike Pence, R-Ind., who drafted the amendment, is spearheading the effort with the help of the House Appropriations Committee. While Planned Parenthood is not the only recipient of Title X funds, there is little question as to whom Pence is targeting.

“Planned Parenthood is the largest abortion provider in America,” Pence said on the House floor. “According to their annual report, most recently, they boasted of having performed more than 300,000 abortions in this country. Another fact: Planned Parenthood is the largest recipient of federal funding under Title X.”

While I could wax poetic all day about the numerous semantic problems with this statement, the most important thing is how misleading and manipulative it is.



Mia Tapella

First of all, neither Planned Parenthood, nor any other federally funded clinic, receives any federal funding for abortions (except in very limited circumstances), and haven’t since 1976.

Here are some more fun facts Pence would have you ignore: 75 percent of all U.S. counties have at least one clinic receiving federal dollars under Title X.

At least one in five American women have used Planned Parenthood’s services, including breast and pelvic exams, cervical cancer screenings, contraceptives, information, and STD and HIV testing, at least once in her life—and that doesn’t include men who make use of these services.

Only about 2 percent of women ages 15 to 44 have abortions each year. That figure includes cases of rape, incest, or threat to the woman’s life; the only circumstances wherein a woman might be able to receive federal help paying for her abortion, though perhaps not for long if Pence and his fellow anti-choice legislators have their way.

Title X was created in 1970 as a family planning program to provide information, contraceptives and health care to everyone, focusing primarily on women and low-income individuals who otherwise might not receive this care.

Planned Parenthood receives about 90 percent of Title X funding, and the aforementioned services are the organization’s primary objectives.

It seems insane to me that anti-choice activists, lobbyists and politicians, so vehemently against abortion of any kind, would so readily dismantle one of the largest providers of contraceptives in the country.

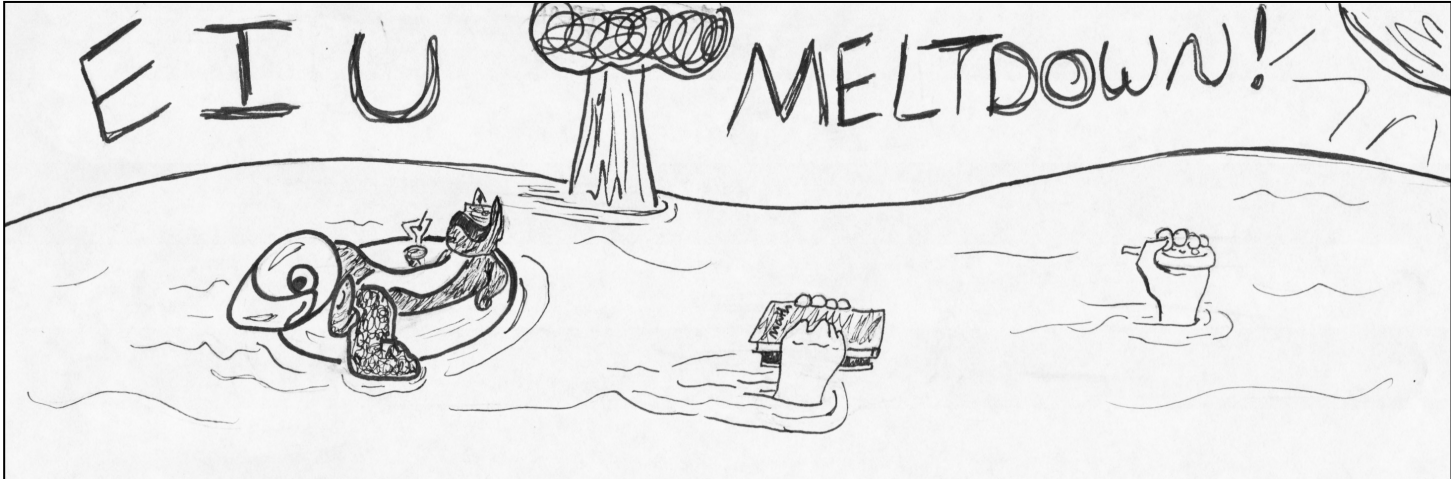
This issue is not about abortion and whether one ‘agrees’ with it; in my opinion, if someone is morally opposed to abortion then that individual should not have one, and that is where the importance of that individual’s opinion should end.

This broad-strokes legislation included in the numerous anti-choice bills currently up for discussion is an attack on individual rights, particularly those of women and low-income individuals, under the guise of a conservative attempt to perpetuate religious values.

Nancy Pelosi calls this “the most radical assault on women’s health in our lifetime,” and it absolutely is.

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FROM THE EASEL



AMANDA LIMBACH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

COLUMN

Vicariously trashy: Why we love reality TV

When I was at home last week watching MTV’s “Jersey Shore,” there was a commercial showing clips of the upcoming season of “Real World: Las Vegas.” While I sat there watching the drama-filled clips, my impression was that I watching a knock off of “Jersey Shore.”

Another MTV show, “Skins,” revolves around high school kids who party, screw and take different drugs. Sound familiar?

The shows have different casts, but the plots, which revolve around seven people living in the same house, dealing with drama, sex, drugs and alcohol, are exactly the same. Though “Real World” was the first of its kind, “Jersey Shore” is more of an enhanced version.

I then realized that I had trouble telling the popular shows of the CW apart as well. The only time I watch anything on CW is for reruns of shows such as “Two and Half Men,” “How I Met Your Mother” and “Family Guy.”

During the commercials I see previews of “Gossip Girls,” “90210” and “Hell Cats,” and after the commercials have passed I can’t remember which one is which.

This is because, like the shows on MTV,



Steve Puschmann

these CW shows revolve around the same plot of high school drama, but just in different settings and cast members. How can so many shows be so popular if they all have the same plots to them? It’s because we love to watch the things we can’t be in our own lives.

We love these shows because the problems the characters face are the problems we as people wish we could face everyday. People watch these shows because they relate to a specific character and live through the character.

Most people love Mike “The Situation,” Vinny and Pauly D. from “Jersey Shore” because most of the people watching wish to be as funny and charismatic as those guys can be.

Many guys wish they had the skills to pick up women like MVP can. Others wish they could get drunk as Snooki does and act like a complete mess without any consequences.

Usually if a regular person gets drunk and acts like a wreck, the person will face humiliation and future apologies to others.

People like the drama-intense story lines of “Gossip Girls” and “90210” because most of the people love high school drama as long as it does not involve their own life.

We find it funny when someone is being back-stabbed or being cheated on until it is one of our friends, or even worse, ourselves. Drama, sex, drugs and alcohol on TV give us the chance to live our deepest desires these characters.

Most of us cannot do this in our lives because we live with guilt and fear of the consequences we would face if we went after these desires. It just goes to show how TV helps us deal with our daily insecurities.

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UPI, from page 1

Allison said the reason for this was to be able to verify voter eligibility. All members who are part of UPI's bargaining unit are eligible to vote. This includes both "fair share" members and "objectors."

"Fair share" members do not want to be associated with the union, but still pay the same amount in dues as required by law in order to still receive the protections and benefits of UPI membership.

"Objectors" are members who "really don't want anything to do with the union and so they can file papers so they pay a little bit less," Allison said.

He said most campuses do not allow "fair share" members and "objectors" to take part in voting; however, Eastern's UPI chapter extends this privilege to all members of the bargaining unit.

Once Allison received the votes, volunteers from the bargaining unit opened the outer envelope, removed the sealed white envelopes and ballots, and scattered them to ensure anonymity, Allison said.

As for the UPI members who did not vote, Allison said he believes they refrained from voting because "they might have thought (the agreement) was going to pass because all of the anecdotal voting showed that people were mainly in favor." Additionally, he said "fair share" members might not have felt comfortable submitting votes.

Unit B faculty member Carol

Jean Dudley, who has been on the UPI/EIU negotiation team since 1999, is very pleased UPI membership voted for ratification.

"I think it's very positive that people understand the difficulties of the economic situation," she said. "I am so pleased the vote reflected the understanding of that fact. When we negotiate again in less than two years, I hope the economic situation will have changed. I consider it a miracle that we've managed a (salary) increase."

In the agreement, the Unit A and Unit B faculty will receive a 1.5 percent increase retroactive for this year, and a 1.25 percent increase for next year.

Allison said this vote would not have been possible without the work of both UPI members and the administration during the negotiations.

"I'm extra proud of the (negotiating) team and I'm always very grateful to UPI's contract campaign committee," Allison said. "I'm also grateful to all the people that came to rally or attended a Board of Trustees meeting to show our team support."

Although it has been a long process, Dudley believes the ratified contract was worth the work.

"Negotiations are never easy," Dudley said. "I think it takes patience and willingness to cooperate."

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IRHA, from page 1

Novotny said more than 100 volunteers will help with the conference throughout the weekend.

"The volunteers have been eager to help," Novotny said.

She also said students from other universities are coming in at 3 p.m. today.

Novotny said the representatives from other schools are excited about the conference.

"The representatives are looking forward to a new experience," Novotny said.

Also during the meeting, Jake Nees, the president of the RHA, said Collegiate Marketing has expressed interest in setting up a rental program at Eastern.

The company wants to provide a rental program that would allow students to customize their dorm rooms.

Collegiate Marketing has provided colleges with bed lofts and refrigerators for 15 years, according to bed-loft.com.

Students would pay the company to rearrange their rooms either by bunk or loft setup.

Collegiate Marketing would allow each individual residence hall to set up their customized layout.

The company would set up the layout before students arrived on campus.

Nees asked for each residence hall to review the rental program and see if they are interested in the program.

Collegiate Marketing did not mention a specific amount for the rental program.

Also, the company would rent students a small microwave and refrigerator for about \$125 to \$140.

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"The theme for the weekend focuses around superheroes, 'Students by day, Leaders by night.'"

Karla Browning, co-chair of the IRHA committee

students with a futon that would be designed to fit under bed lofts for \$199.

RHA would receive a commission for this program, which would allow RHA to build up their general fund, according to Nees.

During the meeting, many members thought a guest speaker from the Collegiate Marketing would be present to discuss the rental program.

"I thought a guest speaker from the company was coming," Novotny said.

Michael Frisby, secretary of the RHA, said a guest speaker was not scheduled for the meeting.

Also, the RHA discussed upcoming programs such as Kids and Friends Weekend, which is scheduled for March 4 and 5.

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RHA, from page 1

Saturday's events will be moved to Coleman Hall and will be the busiest conference day.

"Each delegate will get a chance to attend four programs, plus one Top 10 Program," Browning said. "These programs are put on by schools attending and focus around the categories of personal development, community service, educational, and social justice and diversity."

Eastern, although it is the hosting school, will have its own delegation represented at the event.

"The students from all over the state help present programs at the conference," Biernbaum said.

Between noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, the IRHA participants will have a luncheon at the Tower Dining Center in Stevenson.

A closing banquet will finish off the evening with Illinois awards, including best school, best student and many more.

"The really great thing is that this conference has been put on by volunteer resident hall leaders who have spent more than a year working through the details, working as a team towards this big project, which is all leadership development in itself," Hudson said.

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Curry McKinney, a senior guard, goes up for a basket during the game against Tennessee Martin Tuesday night in Lantz Arena.

MEN’S BASKETBALL | PREVIEW

Team hits the road for Bracketbusters

By Rob Mortell
Sports Editor

Eastern’s men’s basketball team looks to end its eight-game losing streak against 4-22 Toledo for an ES-PNU Bracketbusters game.

The Panther will travel to Toledo, Ohio where they have had success in the past, beating the Rockets 72-62 last season when junior guard Jeremy Granger poured in 21 points as a sophomore. This year Eastern has had its struggles on the road, posting a record of 3-9.

This game will most likely be a low scoring affair, as Eastern and Toledo are amongst the worst in NCAA Division-I in terms of scoring points. Eastern is currently ranked 330th while Toledo is even worse, as it is in the top 20 worst scoring teams in the entire nation.

This is the sixth time the Panthers will compete in ESPN’s annual event. They currently have a record of 2-3 at the Bracketbuster; however, their two wins have each come from the past two seasons. In the six years Eastern has been in the event, four times it has played a team from the Mid-American Conference.

The last time the Panthers had an eight-game losing streak or higher was in the 2007-2008 season, where they

finished 7-22 and missed the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

Granger is on the doorstep of Eastern basketball history, as he now has over 200 made free throws in his career, which qualifies him for Eastern career free throw percentage top ten. If his career ended right now, Granger would go down as Eastern all-time best free throw shooter. He is currently 10th in the NCAA this season, shooting 91.1 percent. If he can improve that mark to 91.6 over the course of the next three games, he will surpass Julio Anthony for the title of best single season free throw shooting percentage.

This is the final Panther non-conference game of the season. The team is 4-6 in non-conference games this season.

Eastern will finish the season on a three-game road trip, with the final two being OVC games against Austin Peay and Tennessee State. The Panthers are currently in ninth place in the standings and would need to win their next two games, as well as and have University Tennessee at Martin lose its last two games to make the tournament, as the eighth and final team to qualify.

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The coaches, players and fans exploded inside Lantz Arena with the Panthers getting the ball back with two seconds left.

“That’s why Lantz Arena is a special place,” Sallee said.

The Skyhawks fouled King with one second left, and King went to line and converted on both free throws.

None other than Wyss deflected the Skyhawks’ ensuing inbound pass away, as the clock expired unleashing a celebration.

“This is what we play for,” Wyss said.

The Panthers and fans celebrated. King was overcome with excitement.

“I was excited to play this team,” King said. “It was a big game.”

King and Wyss finished the game with 22 and 21 points, respectively; however, they thought it was team effort that won the game.

King said the Panthers had to play as a team in order to have a chance to win. Eight Panthers played in the game, all of which scored at least four points.

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Ta'Kenya Nixon, a sophomore guard, goes up for a shot against Tennessee Martin Thursday evening in Lantz Arena. The Panthers beat the Skyhawks 88-85 in overtime.



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Brady Sallee, the women's basketball coach, yells out a play during the game against Tennessee Martin Thursday evening in Lantz Arena.

No heartache tonight

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

Kelsey Wyss was walking around Lantz Arena in socks after Thursday's overtime win over Tennessee-Martin, but her sheer excitement overcame any strain in her tired feet.

Wyss' block on Jaclissa Haislip at the end of regulation stuffed any chance of déjà vu in favor of the Skyhawks, after they had won the two teams previous meeting on a game-winning shot with two seconds left.

"You can't stand here and say anything, but that was mad luck," Wyss said.

After blocking the shot, the Pan-

thers and Skyhawks went into overtime, where Wyss was not done making plays.

The score tied 76-76, the Skyhawks began overtime by draining one of 17 three-pointers they made in the game. On the other end, Wyss sank a game-tying three-pointer of her own.

From there, the game was back and forth until sophomore forward Mari-ah King gave Eastern the lead in the game with a short-range jumper.

The Panthers kept the lead for the final 1:30 in the overtime period, as they would win by three, 88-85 with King and sophomore forward Sydney Mitchell connecting on free throws late in the game.

Mitchell drove into the paint with

six seconds left and drew a foul. She hit 1-of-2 free throws to give Eastern a one-point lead.

"Sydney made the right play," head coach Brady Sallee said. "She saw they didn't collapse on her so she drove it to the basket."

The free throw Mitchell missed was the second of two so the clock started once Skyhawks' forward Perica Glenn grabbed the rebound.

With Lantz Arena rocking and sophomore guard Ta'Kenya Nixon pressing Skyhawks guard Jasmine Newsome, Glenn passed the ball to Newsome. The ball bounced off of the leg of Newsome and out of bounds.

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TRACK & FIELD | PREVIEW

Track looks to tune-up, emerge victorious

Team prepares for Friday Night Special

By Dominic Renzetti
Assistant Sports Editor

After a series of long road trips, Eastern's track and field team will compete in Lantz Fieldhouse for the first time since mid-January's EIU Mega Meet.

The Panthers enter the Friday Night Special as the No. 9 ranked team in the Midwest Region. Also competing in the event with the Panthers will be Butler, Illinois State, Indiana State, Southern Illinois and Southern Illinois- Edwardsville.

Southern Illinois, which currently sits at No. 16 in the Midwest regional poll, have been on a steady de-

cline since the start of the season. The Salukis started out the season ranked in the top ten of the Midwest, but have since fallen out. The Salukis fell six spots in this week's regional poll, the farthest drop for any team in the Midwest's top 25.

Illinois State enters the Friday Night Special as the No. 19 team in the Midwest Region. The Redbirds have eight team members ranked in the region's top ten in their respective events.

Southern Illinois- Edwardsville comes to the meet as an Ohio Valley Conference rival to the Panthers. Southern Illinois- Edwardsville will likely use the Friday Night Special as a way for their athletes to get acquainted with the track and other conditions at Lantz Fieldhouse, as they will be returning again next weekend for the OVC Indoor

"I see it as motivation. We want to try and get ranked as high as we can, and we're always looking to compete our best."

Ryan Ballard, freshman runner

Championships, also hosted by the Panthers.

The women's teams of Butler and Indiana State both bring top fifteen talent to the Friday Night Special, with Indiana State sitting at No. 13 and Butler following right behind at No. 14 in the Great Lakes Region. The men's teams of Indiana State and Butler are also ranked No. 11 and No. 13 respectively.

The Panthers have faced both

Butler and Indiana State at the EIU Early Bird at the beginning of the season.

With one week to go until the OVC Indoor Championships, freshman Ryan Ballard said the team looks to use the meet as a way to prepare for their conference foes.

"We'll use the Friday Night Special as a bit of a tune-up for conference. It will also give us a chance to finalize the roster," Ballard said.

Ballard also said the team does not feel any pressure from its top ten regional ranking, but that the team uses it as a motivational tool.

"I see it as motivation. We want to try and get ranked as high as we can, and we're always looking to compete our best," Ballard said.

With the weather being as nice as it is, one could think it could be easy for the Panthers to already have their minds set on the outdoor season, but the team is focused to close out their indoor season in a great way.

"We still have to take care of business with two meets left," Ballard said.

The Panthers will begin the Friday Night Special at 2 p.m. at Lantz Fieldhouse.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Men's Tennis

Today vs. Northern Illinois
12 p.m. – Danville Tennis Center

M&W Indoor Track

Today – EIU Friday Night Special
TBA – Lantz Fieldhouse

Women's Basketball

Saturday vs. Murray State
4 p.m. – Lantz Arena

Menn's Basketball

Saturday Toledo
6 p.m. – Toledo, Ohio

Baseball

Sunday at Southern Mississippi
1 p.m. – Hattiesburg, Miss

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Washington at Arizona
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Illinois at Michigan State
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College Basketball

Georgia Tech at Duke
Sunday, 6:30 p.m. on CSN

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AHN TRIO PREMIERES CONCERT
Sister Trio to perform at Doudna

AHN TRIO STORY
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Calendar of Events

Friday:

On-campus event:
What: The Ahn Trio: An Ahn-Core World Premiere
Where: The Doudna Fine Arts Center (Dvorak Concert Hall)
When: 7:30 p.m.
Details: The Ahn Trio will be showcasing their world-premiere of "Kapustin Trio No. 1 (Op. 136), composed by Russian composer Nikolai Kapustin. See **age 3B** for more information.
Cost: \$7 for students, \$12 for Eastern employees and \$15 for the general public.

On-campus event:
What: "For Colored Girls"
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Buzzard Hall Auditorium
Cost: Free

Off-campus event:
What: Open Circle Jam
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Jackson Avenue Coffee

Off-campus event:
What: Concert
Where: Friends & Co.
When: 9:30 p.m.
Details: Mike Golden & Friends with Kids These Days will be performing.
Cost: \$10 at the door

Saturday:

Off-campus event:
What: Concert
Where: Jackson Avenue Coffee
When: 8 p.m.
Details: Believe it or Not will be performing.

Off-campus event:
What: Mardi Gras Extravaganza featuring Chingy
Where: Penalty Box
When: VIP entry at 7 p.m. and general admission is at 9 p.m.
Details: Rapper Chingy will be performing his hits. See **Page 4B** for more information.
Cost: \$20 at the door

Sunday:

On-campus event:
What: Concert
Where: The Doudna Fine Arts Center (Dvorak Concert Hall)
When: 4 p.m.
Details: The Eastern Symphony Orchestra will be performing Beethoven's Sixth. See **Page 3B** for more information.

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Ahn Trio premiere honors late EIU vice president

By **Zinika Livingston**
Verge Reporter

Angella Ahn said the first time she and her sisters walked into the Doudna Fine Arts Center, they were blown away by its beauty. They had no doubt it was the perfect place to present their world premiere of the concert "The Ahn Trio: An Ahn-Core World Premiere."

The premiere of "Kapustin Trio No. 1 (Op. 136)," composed by Russian composer Nikolai Kapustin, is in honor of late Barbara Hill, a former Eastern vice president.

The classical piano trio consists of three sisters: Angella, the violinist and the youngest; and twins Maria, the cellist and Lucia, the pianist.

Angella, Maria and Lucia were influenced by their mother's love for the arts.

As children, their mother would take them to concerts often, Lucia said. By kindergarten, Lucia said she knew exactly what

a piano was and wanted to learn how to play.

Lucia started taking piano lessons and her sisters followed her lead, picking up the violin and the cello.

"Even at that age, we really knew we wanted to do something with music," Angella said.

The Ahn Trio and their parents, originally from Seoul, Korea, came to America at 8 and 10 years old, excited to learn the customs and traditions of America.

"At that age, we felt like we were going to another planet," Angella said.

Angella said being familiar with two different cultures helped their growth as people and as musicians.

By the time they attended and graduated from The Juilliard School in New York City, the sisters had grown accustomed to performing with each other and started The Ahn Trio directly after.

Angella said they had to learn to put any sisterly drama

"The piece is so intense. It's like learning a new language then performing a play."

Lucia Ahn, of

The Ahn Trio

aside to attend to business.

"How do we forget the fact that we are sisters?" Angella said. "But we have to separate the two."

The Ahn Trio has traveled to all 50 states and 30 countries.

The sisters performed at Eastern for the first time dur-

ing the fall of 2009.

Dan Crews, director of Patron Services for the Doudna Fine Arts Center, said after their performance the sisters made comments of how pleased they were with the acoustics of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

"They were so impressed with Doudna that they wanted to do something extremely special here," Crews said. "We're honored."

The Ahn Trio has been practicing for almost four months.

Lucia said she had to practice alone to master her part as a pianist, then practice with her sisters to piece everything together.

"The piece is so intense," Lucia said. "It's like learning a new language then performing a play."

The Ahn Trio will perform "Kapustin Trio No. 1 (Op. 136)" for the first time at 7:30 p.m. today in the Dvorak Concert Hall at the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Angella describes the piece

as a perfect balance of classical and jazz.

"While listening, you might think, 'Hey, this is jazz,' because it feels like improvisation," Angella said. "It is the most satisfying piece."

The Ahn Trio will also accompany The Eastern Symphony Orchestra at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Dvorak Concert Hall at the Doudna Fine Arts Center. The Ahn Trio and the EIU Symphony Orchestra will perform "Hardware Concerto, Movement 1," composed by Kenji Bunch.

General Admission is \$7 for students, \$12 for Eastern employees and seniors, and \$15 for the general public.

"When you're growing up, you don't think, 'When I grow up I want to play with my sisters,' but we tried it and here we are," Angella said.

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Beethoven's Sixth to be performed by Eastern Symphony Orchestra

By **Erin Riedl**
Verge Reporter

The Eastern Symphony Orchestra will be performing the first, fourth and fifth movements from Beethoven's Sixth Symphony. Along with the Eastern Symphony, the Ahn Trio, which members are alumnae from Juilliard and have six albums, will join the stage.

The Eastern Symphony Orchestra will perform in concert at 4 p.m. Saturday in the Dvorak Concert Hall located in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

"I enjoy working with the students of the orchestra, they give off a very good energy," said Kai Wai Yu, a cello professor at Eastern.

The first movement is titled, "Erwachen heiterer Empfindungen bei der Ankunft auf dem Lande" (Awakening of cheerful feelings upon arrival in the country), the fourth movement is titled, "Gewitter, Sturm" (Thunderstorm; Storm) and the fifth movement is titled, "Hirtengesang. Frohe und dankbare Gefühle nach dem Sturm" (Shepherds' song; cheerful and thankful feelings after the storm).

The Eastern Symphony Or-



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Dr. Richard Rossi plays the harpsichord with members of The Eastern Symphony Orchestra in 2009.

chestra will perform the piece "Hardwork Concerto" with the Ahn Trio that was written for the trio by composer Kenji Bunch.

Yu said he is excited to perform with the trio.

Sergei Pavlov, the choral di-

rector and the director of orchestra activities for this spring semester, said he believes Beethoven's Sixth is a difficult symphony to perform.

Pavlov said it will be a big challenge for the orchestra.

"The Eastern Symphony Or-

chestra is a very young, yet energetic orchestra, and performing this piece will be a great learning experience for them," Pavlov said.

Yu, like Pavlov, said he thinks the piece is a great piece to learn from.

Chad Mathis, a graduate student majoring in music with a bass performance concentration, plays bass for the orchestra and said he believes Pavlov is doing a good job of running rehearsals.

As part of his graduate duties, Mathis assists in sectional rehearsals and helps the stage crew set up for rehearsals and concerts.

"Beethoven's Sixth is, in my opinion, one of the greatest works of the classical era," Mathis said. "To be able to perform it is personally gratifying."

Mathis said he was not too thrilled about losing a week's worth of rehearsals.

"Even though we lost a week of rehearsals due to the weather, Pavlov has helped us catch up for lost time and I think we will be well-prepared," Mathis said.

Yu said he believes Beethoven's Sixth is challenging for the students, but knows they are putting much effort into it.

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Charleston brings in big name rapper

Mardi Gras Extravaganza at the Penalty Box brings in Chingy

By Jose Gonzalez
Senior Verge Reporter

Recording artist and rapper Chingy will perform at the Penalty Box for the Mardi Gras Extravaganza event this Saturday.

The event will be going on all weekend starting today with the festivities being kicked off by Kori and Sydney from Season 6 of "The Bad Girls Club," who will be judging "the first ever EIU'S Baddest Girl Contest."

The winner will receive a cash prize, gift bag and a meet and greet VIP pass with Kori, Sydney, Chingy and DJ Charlie Chan Soprano (who will be spinning the VIP pre-party).

On Saturday, EIU's "So You Think You Can Rap" winner RENEGADE will open for Ch-

ingy.

Chingy will perform his top hits on Saturday, plus many other songs.

Penalty Box owner Peter Christos said he worked out a deal with a promotion company in order to host the event.

Christos said Little City Promotions came to him with an organized business plan.

Tenaucah Little, the CEO of Little City Promotions said he is in charge of planning the event and his friendship with Chingy helped move the event in the right direction.

Kevin Hunt, a sub-promoter for the event, said he has done promotions in the past, but only with clubs, restaurants and bars in St. Louis.

Hunt has been looking forward to this particular event since the planning began.

Hunt said he and Little were scouting potential hosts for Chingy's concert and found that The Penalty Box was the right fit for the event.

"We wanted a name with some draw to it, and Chingy is a big



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name that still has appeal and can be beneficial to the EIU students," Hunt said.

Hunt said he felt the location was good because it was close to campus and relatively reachable for most students in the area.

After talking with Christos., Hunt said he wanted to bring

good events to the area to work with the college crowd.

"We were open for all ideas, and Pete was willing to come on board and let us use his establishment," Little said. "In planning this, I want to give the audience a chock full of surprises related to the Mardi Gras theme that the

event is based on."

Little said he also talked personally to Kori and Sydney of *The Bad Girls Club* and wanted to select women that the general public would enjoy.

"We wanted to select girls that the public will like and are fairly popular with the general public, and so we came across Kori and Sydney," Little said.

Weekend passes for the event are \$25. Christos's goal is to sell out tickets by today. However, if the tickets do not sell out, then he will offer daily passes for \$15 today and \$20 Saturday at the door.

Little said the event, which can be found on Facebook, has more than 580 confirmed guests and he, along with Hunt, said they would like to plan future events in the Charleston area if this event goes well.

VIP entry to the event will begin promptly at 7 p.m., while general admission entry will begin at 9 p.m.

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Grammy night delivers mixed surprises, awkward moments

What do you get when you mix ninjas, giant eggs, Muppets and Arcade Fire? The 2011 Grammys.

This year's Grammys was full of all sorts of surprises.

Lady Antebellum beat out the likes of Eminem and Lady Gaga for the most awards. Esperanza Spalding, a relatively unknown performer, beat out tween sensation Justin Bieber for "Best New Artist." And surprisingly Lady Gaga actually didn't have blood bursting from her abdomen. However, she still arrived in...er...style.

In typical Gaga fashion, the Lady arrived on the red carpet in what appeared to be some sort of egg/embryonic sac. I guess she really wanted to stress that she was "Born This Way."

However, Gaga delivered a lackluster performance of her new single (which uncannily resembles Madonna's "Express Yourself") later in the evening.

Another disappointing performance came from Katy Perry. Perry started her performance with "Not Like the Movies." Per-



By Shelley Holmgren
Administrative Editor

ry was sitting on a raised swing with her and comedian Russell Brand's wedding video projected on the curtains behind her. Needless to say, the performance was awkward. Although the singer slightly redeemed herself with the upbeat "Teenage Dream," the whole time I was asking myself 'why aren't you shooting whipped cream out of your breasts?'

The first surprise of the night was the "Best New Artist" category.

With such nominees as Florence and the Machine, Mumford & Sons, and Bieber, the crowd was surprised when the award went to (relatively unknown) jazz singer Esper-

anza Spalding, the first time a jazz artist has won in the category. I have never heard of her before in my life, but good for her. And why? Because it wasn't Bieber. Is my vendetta that obvious?

A pleasant surprise of the evening came from the conjoined efforts of the beautifully bearded Mumford & Sons and The Avett Brothers with the iconic Bob Dylan. These "folky" men proved you don't need dancing ninjas (I'm looking at you, Jaden Smith), birth-canal-exposing ensembles (Rihanna) or a hair piece (and yeah, I'm talking about you, Bieber) in order to put on a fantastic performance.

My only question is why was Dylan putting on his best Tom Waits impression? I understand the man is 69, but could somebody get him a Ricola?

However, this momentum was burned out by Rihanna in her second performance of the night, where she performed with Drake. They performed their hit song "What's My Name." I know Rihanna

was just getting over the flu, but she should have spent less time shaking her lady parts and more time actually focusing on a crazy thing called pitch control.

In a night full of awkward ballads and flat lining performances, the 67-year-old Rolling Stones front man Mick Jagger electrified the stage in a tribute to late soul legend Solomon Burke with his rendition of "Everybody Needs Somebody to Love." For a man that is old enough to be a member of AARP, he was moving like a 20-year-old in sneakers, working a cape and orthopedic soles!

If I had to chose the best Grammy performance of the night, my vote would go to Cee Lo Green (of Gnarls Barkley) with the song otherwise known as "Forget You."

Out Gaga-ing, Lady Gaga, Green performed in a hybrid Liberace/Cher/Elton John/Big Bird ensemble with Jim Henson's Muppet figures singing back-up vocals and later was joined by Gwyneth Paltrow (reprising her rendition

of the song from the hit-show "Glee").

In my opinion the award for "Record of the Year" should have gone to Green (rather than Lady Antebellum) for this track. Green's song is so catchy it could even have your grandmother dropping "F-Bombs."

However, the most surprising, but fantastic surprise of the night was when Canadian Indie band Arcade Fire took home the most deserved honors of "Album of the Year" for "The Suburbs." The shock and surprise was evident on front man Win Butler's face when the band accepted the award

Arcade Fire's previous two album's "Funeral" and "Neon Bible" were flawless and it is about time they are recognized for their talents. To those viewers who asked "Who?" when the band's name was announced, it's your loss.

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